

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5293) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5293, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017, because it fails to support our troops serving overseas. Like the defense authorization bill the House passed last month, the bill uses a budget gimmick to circumvent funding caps passed into law on a bipartisan basis, and by doing so it not only undermines the budget process, it puts our troops at risk. The bill diverts \$16 billion from what our military says is needed to fund our military forces engaged in operations around the globe to purchase ships, planes, end strength, and other items our military didn't request. Consequently, troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will run out of funds half way through the year and would then rely on Congress passing an emergency supplemental to fill the funding gap. We shouldn't gamble with the troops we send off to battle. It is irresponsible and reckless. They deserve predictable support for the entire year as they execute their missions, particularly in view of the dangers they face. Going forward, I am committed to work with my colleagues to eliminate this funding gimmick to ensure our troops are supported for the full year. We count on these selfless men and women who volunteer to serve in uniform to keep us safe each and every day. They only count on us to provide them the resources they need to do their jobs. That is the least we can do.

## CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FARM CREDIT

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Farm Credit. The Farm Credit system we know today was established in 1916 under the Federal Farm Loan Act. This law aimed to increase credit to rural family farmers by focusing on providing capitol for agricultural development. This was important to our country primarily due to the fact that, at that time, families who lived and worked on farms made up the largest demographic of the country. While the demographics of our country may have changed

over the past 100 years, the important role Farm Credit plays in our rural communities has not.

Farm Credit has made it a priority over the years to invest in and support the industries and individuals that are vital to the success of rural communities across the country. By supporting the future of the agriculture industry, Farm Credit helps to insure that agriculture and rural communities will continue to be a vibrant, successful and lasting part of our country.

## RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLK MUSEUM OF ART

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Polk Museum of Art. Located in Lakeland, Florida, the Polk Museum is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and, for fifty years, has brought works of art to Central Florida by artists most would see only if they could afford to travel to Paris, New York, or Washington, D.C.

The artwork exhibited throughout the Polk Museum of Art includes masterpieces by Pablo Picasso, his lesser-known contemporary and friend, Georges Braque, the renowned nature photographer Ansel Adams, the painter Henri Matisse, and many others.

Additionally, the Polk Museum is free, providing a way for everyone in the community to experience these great works of art. It offers summer camps to encourage the development of artistic skill in our community's youth, as well as classes throughout the year for children and adults alike.

I am proud to recognize the Polk Museum of Art's efforts of 50 years to make our community a place of art and culture. I look forward to supporting this institution in the years to come.

## IN HONOR OF DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' lacrosse team from Dominion High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Dominion's boys' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Dominion boys' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Dominion High School continued Loudoun's streak of dominance during their 17-4 rout of Western Albemarle during the boys' lacrosse state final. Their undefeated, 21-0 season was a fitting way for this Sterling team to win their first state title. Dominion's depth was exemplified during an impressive 11-1 second half run.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dominion's boys' lacrosse team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 308 and 322 on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 308 and 322.

## HONORING HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY OONI ADEDEYE ENITAN BABATUNDE OGUNWUSI, OJAJA II, THE OONI OF ILE IFE

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the commitment to peace, respect and dignity by His Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi Ojaja II, The Ooni of Ile Ife.

About four decades ago in the ancient city of Ile-Ife, Ooni Adeyeye was born into the Giesi Ruling House, Ojaja Royal Compound of Agbedegbede in Ile-Ife.

He was named Adeyeye Babatunde Enitan. Ooni Adeyeye Ogunwusi was quietly delivered into the humble family of Prince Ropo and Late Mrs. Margret Wuraola Ogunwusi (Soji Opa family compound, Ile Ife).

His father was a radio and television anchor and presentation star that spanned the entire

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

mid-1980s to early 21st century in the South-western part of Nigeria.

Though born quietly, Ooni Ogunwusi's excellence and outstanding acumen recently announced itself for the world to behold, as he was crowned the 51st Ooni of Ife on the 7th of December 2015.

Before his emergence as the Ooni, being an astute entrepreneur, driven by turning "impossibilities to possibilities", Ooni Ogunwusi's Power of Imagination has set him aside, revolutionizing the approach to creativity and innovation, making a mark in his immediate society and beyond.

He holds HND Accountancy from The Polytechnic in Ibadan, Nigeria.

Professionally, he is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN); the Institute of Directors (IOD) Nigeria and the Global Real Estate Institute (GRI).

Indeed, his achievements in less than six (6) months of ascending the throne as Ooni of Ife are impressive.

This bridge builder and advocate of peace had travelled to many parts of Nigeria, preaching unity and peace among traditional rulers and promoting youth empowerment to reduce crime rate and unemployment in the society.

He engaged about 200,000 youth for empowerment through Agriculture to complement government efforts to further reduce crime rate and unemployment in Nigeria.

He has acquired 30 square miles of land in Ile-Ife for agricultural investments in cocoa, oil palm and rubber plantation which has a great potential for the diversification of Nigeria's economy.

His Majesty commenced construction work at the multi-billion naira Ife Grand Resort, spanning over 1000 acres of land in Ile-Ife, South-West Nigeria.

Over 3,000 youth are employed at the project site of the Resort.

His Majesty donated of 100 Transformers (250KVA) to various communities to improve power/electricity supply in Ife Land.

He empowered over 20,000 widows who are war victims and engaged them for palace and community sanitation with weekly benefits for their upkeep.

He has reached out to over 50 countries through their Ambassadors and country representatives in Nigeria, advocating global peace and promoting unity with a core focus on Africans and the entire black race.

He was appointed Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, by the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Prior to his ascension to the throne, he was involved in Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) locally and abroad for over 13 years.

He facilitated strong trade relationship through the Association for International Business (AIB) with presence in over 200 member countries across the globe which he set up in Nigeria.

One of the key achievements of this body is the trade facilitation between the United Arab Emirates (Jebel Ali free Trade Zone development) and the Federal Government of Nigeria through Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC).

He developed over 2,500 housing units with various consortia of developers over the last 8 years in Nigeria.

He was also a co-organizer for Ondo State Economic Planning and Implementation Committee.

He led the Government delegation team to Canada in 2002 for strategic alliances and partnership with Ondo State Government on solid mineral potentials of the State (Bitumen, Dimension Stones, Granite, etc.) which led to the formation of Amalgamated Mining and Exploration Company Limited—wholly owned by Ondo State Government.

He was involved in the facilitation and development of Sparkwest Steel Galvanizing Plant (the only Steel Galvanizing Plant in Nigeria), National Iron Ore Mining Company Limited and Jakura Mines resuscitation projects, which has eventually become the major limestone feed stock to Obajana Cement Plant in Kogi State, Nigeria.

He facilitated the biggest Lead and Aluminum recycling plant in Nigeria by National Steel Company of India, Ota Nigeria.

He facilitated the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria to discourage Nigerians reliance on importation of rice in 2004.

He was the initiator of Essential Homes, a real estate product launched in January 2014, formed to deliver affordable upscale homes to the middle and low income earners.

The 1st phase of the product (The Southpointe Estate, Lafajaji Road, Lekki, Lagos State) started in February 2014, and has been successfully delivered within 1 year.

He developed the beautiful North Pointe Estate Phase I, II, III and Midland Court, on Chevron Drive, Lekki, and Jacob Mews Estate, Yaba, Lakeview Park I and II Estates, Lekki, the ongoing Golden Leaf Estate Lafajaji, Lekki and Grand Lake Estate Ajah, Lagos.

As part of his commitment to provide good infrastructure in terms of access to roads and electricity for the Lafajaji community, he led the opening up and reconstruction of a 6.5 km road, with a 1.1 km green extension along the Lafajaji/Orchid Hotel road without Government intervention.

He established the multi-billion Naira Inagbe Grand Resorts and Leisure, Lagos, Nigeria.

The Resort is first of its kind in the whole of West Africa, bounded by the Lagoon and Atlantic Ocean.

He was also the Director of Imperial Homes Mortgage Bank Limited, (formerly GTHomes), a leading National Mortgage Bank and former subsidiary of one of the biggest banks in Africa, GTBank.

He was Director of FinaTrust Microfinance Bank Limited, one of Nigeria's foremost Microfinance Banks focusing on SMEs and micro credit facilities.

He is the Founder and Managing Director of Gran Imperio Group, the holding company of Real Estate and Construction, Manufacturing, Facilities Management, Leisure and Tourism companies in Nigeria.

Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of presenting to you an outstanding contributor to Nigeria's prosperity, peace and youth employment.

A man considered the custodian of beautiful and rich Yoruba culture and tradition.

He is an international business icon, a man of substance, humility, peace, public service, means and substance.

He is a great achiever and administrator par excellence, he is the reincarnation of Oduduwa and father of the Yoruba Nation.

Please join me in honoring his Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, The Ooni of Ife Ife."

IN HONOR OF BRIAR WOODS BOYS' LACROSSE

## HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' lacrosse team from Briar Woods in my District who recently won the 2016 5A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Briar Woods boys' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Briar Woods boys' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Briar Woods was just minutes away from its first boys' lacrosse state championship, but Atlee scored two goals in quick succession in the waning minutes to push the game to overtime. Undaunted, Briar Woods took advantage early on in overtime to score the winning goal and claim the school's first boys' lacrosse state title.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Briar Woods boys' lacrosse for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COL DANIEL "LARRY" RUBINI'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th Birthday of COL Daniel "Larry" Rubini.

The 70th birthday of COL Daniel (Larry) Rubini, (U.S. Army Ret.) is also a tribute to many years of public and military service, and allegiance to the community of veterans.

COL Rubini was active in military and veterans affairs in Bucks County, chairing the Veterans' Advisory Committee, which was launched in 2011 to oversee the needs of veterans in the Eighth Congressional District.

It is acknowledged that his leadership and dedication played a role in one important congressional objective in this district, that is, a focus on increasing veterans' access to medical care, education, job training, and employment.

COL Rubini's legal and military background has been an asset to the effectiveness of the Veterans Advisory Committee.

He has served as a United States Administrative Law Judge in the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals

and as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army, retiring with the rank of Colonel.

Twice retired from the U.S. Army Reserve, COL Rubini was recalled to serve on the staff of the Hon. Paul Bremer, United States High Commissioner for Iraq. He was Senior Advisor to the Iraq Ministry of Justice and an integral part of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. Prior to his Middle-East service, he received specialized training in civil affair terrorism and the law of war.

Today, he serves as Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

With sincere gratitude for years of service and heartfelt wishes for a very happy birthday—and many more.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR. BRUCE HARTER

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Dr. Bruce Harter as West Contra Costa Unified School District's (WCCUSD) Superintendent.

As the second longest serving superintendent in the history of WCCUSD, Dr. Harter has played a large role in the district both in and out of the classroom. During his tenure, WCCUSD experienced significant increases in the success of English Language Learners, increases in graduation rates, decreases in drop-out rates, and a significant increase in the proportion of graduates attending postsecondary education.

As a testament to his emphasis on addressing the whole child, WCCUSD has made great strides during his service to incorporate additional student services to help students learn and grow. To that point, WCCUSD is now the only school district in the Bay Area to have health centers in every high school, providing greater physical and emotional safety, and implementing social emotion programs that substantially reduced disciplinary actions.

Dr. Harter's commitment to promoting the success and well-being of West Contra Costa's students is deeply appreciated by the community that he serves, and he should be proud of the clear and steady improvement in overall student achievement during his service.

I thank Dr. Harter for his service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

#### IN HONOR OF WOODGROVE GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' lacrosse team from Woodgrove High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and

commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Woodgrove girls' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Woodgrove girls' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

They finished this year's season with an exceptional 18–3 record. The tenacity they brought to each game is truly impressive. This especially showed in the championship game as they exhibited their immense skill to beat George Mason by 12 points as they cruised to their 3rd straight state championship title.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Woodgrove High School girls' lacrosse team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF JO COX, MEMBER OF BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS, WHO DEDICATED HER LIFE TO DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY AND PEACE

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the senseless murder of Jo Cox, Member of the British House of Commons who was tragically taken from us on June 16, 2016.

Jo Cox was murdered in the street, while fulfilling her duties as a representative of the people.

I join in adding my voice to that of the civilized world in condemning this act of political violence.

I mourn Jo Cox's death and offer my deepest condolences to her family—particularly her husband and two children—as well as her friends and constituents.

Today, and far into the future, I will remember Ms. Cox, and honor her dedication to women's empowerment in the United Kingdom and across the globe.

Jo Cox was a tireless advocate for gender equity and human rights, even in one of the world's most challenging environments.

She carried this passion through at Oxfam, and later in Parliament.

Jo Cox chaired the Labour Women's Network, which works to engage and encourage women to run for political office.

She also founded UK Women, a research institute dedicated to better understanding the views and needs of women in the United Kingdom.

In what is a perfect testament to her spirit, one of Jo Cox's last acts in Parliament was to sign a motion recognizing and celebrating the early campaigners for women's suffrage.

Mr. Speaker, tragically, the loss of Jo Cox mirrors the experiences of women and girls all over the world, who are more likely than their male counterparts to be targets of violence in politics and elections.

This violence and intimidation has a real impact on women's participation as voters, candidates, election officials, activists and political party leaders, and therefore threatens the integrity of global political processes, as well as the commitment of governments to a credible democratic process.

This senseless act of violence perpetrated upon Jo Cox must strengthen our collective resolve to champion an authoritative effort to reduce and prevent violence against women in elections.

When public and private violence and intimidation does occur, resources must be available to help women access formal justice mechanisms as well as support informal efforts to resolve conflict, especially in local communities.

The fear of participation for all people must be taken out of politics.

Today, in honor and in memory of Jo Cox, I reaffirm my commitment to empowering women and girls all over the world to participate safely in political and public life.

I hope my colleagues will stand with me today to fight violence against women and girls, this month and for all the months to come.

I request that the House observe a moment of silence in honor of Jo Cox.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 297 regarding "United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016". Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

I missed Roll Call vote number 298 regarding "Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Modernization Act". Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

#### IN HONOR OF LOUDOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' soccer team from Loudoun County High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

This team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability,

unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Loudoun County High School girls' soccer team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

They outlasted Salem 1–0 to achieve the team's 2nd state title in as many years. The game's only goal was an impressive header directed into the goal following a long free kick. The teamwork these girls used to get to this moment was on display the entire game as they sprinted and dribbled to victory.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Loudoun County High School girls' soccer team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING SUSAN H. WARNER

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Susan H. Warner, the former District Director for Virginia's 8th District.

Susie Warner worked with great cheer and with a wry sense of humor for 25 and a half years as the district director for the congressional district just across the Potomac River. She sat at the helm for twenty-four years for Congressman Jim Moran—his entire tenure—and the last year and a half before her retirement for me, graciously schooling the staff in the thorniest case work issues, how to handle every last constituent with grace, and how to keep a warm office environment to boot.

During those 25 years, Susie was a pillar of her community in the Lee district of Fairfax County, and a fixture of political life in Northern Virginia. And I'm sure she will continue to be. So often, when a member of my staff meets a constituent the first thing they hear is "Do you know Susie Warner? I love Susie Warner." Susie loves all of us right back, and often lets us know. "How ya doin', kid?" is a routine greeting for almost anyone. "I love you babes," she told the staff, often as her parting farewell at the end of the workday.

Susie's approach to problem-solving was old-fashioned, in the best sense of that phrase: She is friends with almost everyone she ever met. This included many, many liaisons in the federal government, who were indispensable to solving case work problems. She built those friendships over years of chats and commiseration, and at least one of her federal liaisons cried when told that Susie was retiring. She would draw upon that vast reservoir of friends and acquaintances in the community to find the answer for a constituent, or to identify and connect someone with exactly the right person in an organization who could fix the problem. She used her

sweet talk and her smarts to solve many, many intractable problems for many people in need. Reciting the list of those she helped would keep me on the floor for hours if not days.

I learned very quickly to value and rely on her sage advice and judgment, just as Congressman Moran had for all of the years in which they worked together. Her leadership will be sorely missed.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OFFICER  
ENDY EKPANYA OF THE  
PEARLAND, TEXAS POLICE DE-  
PARTMENT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Officer Endy Ekpanya of the Pearland, Texas Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on June 12, 2016, when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver as he was responding to a call for assistance.

Officer Endy Ekpanya was just 30 years old at the end of his watch.

On behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas that I am privileged to represent, I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and loved ones of Officer Endy Ekpanya.

President John F. Kennedy stated: "A man does what he must in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures, and that is the basis of all human mortality."

Officer Endy Ekpanya upheld this lofty standard.

Endy Ekpanya was born in Nigeria and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1996.

One of the happiest days of his life was August 22, 2012, when he was naturalized as a citizen of the greatest nation in the history of the world.

Endy Ekpanya excelled academically, graduating from high school in 2004, and earning two baccalaureate degrees, in Psychology and Sociology, from Hofstra University in 2008.

After completing his first year of law school at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida, Endy Ekpanya felt a strong calling to serve as a law enforcement first responder and changed his program of study to Criminal Justice.

Endy Ekpanya earned his Master of Science degree in Management and Criminal Justice Management from the University of Maryland University College in 2014 but he did not stop there; he went on to earn his MBA from the University of Maryland University College the following year.

Endy Ekpanya chose to begin his law enforcement career with the Pearland Police Department because he wanted to put his knowledge, skills, and servant's heart in the service of a medium-sized department that had a reputation for excellence and offered the opportunity for professional development and career growth.

Endy Ekpanya joined the Pearland Police Department as a Police Cadet in June 2015 and graduated from the Alvin Community College Police Academy in December, 2015.

Endy Ekpanya was sworn in as a police officer with the Pearland Police Department on December 10, 2015, successfully completed the Field Training Officer Program in May, 2016, and was assigned to Night Shift patrol on D Squad.

Endy Ekpanya had a bright future ahead of him but, sadly, it was cut short by his tragic death on June 12, 2016.

Officer Endy Ekpanya, exemplified the incredible sacrifice that police officers make every day when they head out into the community to protect and serve their family, friends, and neighbors.

Officer Endy Ekpanya, who is survived by wife, Lucy Lugo Ekpanya, and young son, Julian Ekpanya, leaves to cherish his memory his brothers and sisters on the Pearland Police Department and a host of relatives, neighbors, and friends whom he loved very much.

Mr. Speaker, I am at once proud and sad to pay tribute to the memory of Officer Endy Ekpanya.

I ask that the House observe a moment of silence in honor of Officer Endy Ekpanya of the Pearland, Texas Police Department.

IN HONOR OF THE WOODGROVE  
GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' softball team from Woodgrove High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

Woodgrove High School girls' softball team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Woodgrove High School girls' softball team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

This team has captured three state titles in the past five years and their dominance was on display during 2016's title game where they crushed Fauquier an impressive 19–0. I am proud that their efforts this year paid off as they won a much-deserved state title.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Woodgrove High School's softball team for their achievement and for representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CHARLESTON MASSACRE  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the victims and survivors of the Emanuel AME Church massacre in Charleston, South Carolina, last year. This was a heinous crime and the response of the families and community has been even more deeply impactful.

As a longtime AME congregant, a former resident of Charleston and longtime Representative of the Holy City in the U.S. House, I have a deep and abiding connection to that community. The victims of that horrific crime were my friends, neighbors and constituents. Their deaths pained me in profound and personal ways and the wounds to our community will take time to heal.

Mr. Speaker, on the night of June 17, 2015, my friend Reverend Clementa Pinckney left his service in the state senate to travel to Charleston to conduct his other kind of service, that of tending his flock at Mother Emanuel AME Church's regular Wednesday night Bible study. Rev. Pinckney was a tremendous leader in our community. Several weeks prior to that night, I had been with Rev. Pinckney at a service in North Charleston after the police shooting of an unarmed black man, Walter Scott. Rev. Pinckney's ministry at that event made a tremendous difference in defusing a very tense time and helped restore calm and allow the local authorities to exert justice on a most unjust situation.

Into that Bible study entered an uninvited outsider. Though he was a stranger, he was embraced by the worshippers who welcomed him into their weekly exploration of their faith. Yet that hate-filled young man shunned their neighborly embrace and conducted an act of violence so heinous the horror has been immeasurable.

Our nation has long had a common sense policy of background checks for prospective gun buyers. Unfortunately, that law has a glitch in it that allows a gun purchase after three business days, even if the background check is not complete, and tragically this shooter was able to purchase the gun due to an error in the paperwork. I have introduced legislation to close this Charleston Loophole in federal law once and for all. This common sense fix will ensure that background checks are completed before gun purchases are allowed.

I have also been pleased to support the request of the Medical University of South Carolina for federal funds to support the community, and last week the Department of Justice released a grant of more than \$3.5 million to support that work. I am pleased that the Department has awarded this grant to help MUSC and their partners, the City of Charleston and other local governments deal with the continuing needs in the community as we approach the first anniversary of this horrible chapter in our lives. I want to thank Attorney General Loretta Lynch, for expediting this award, and all of my colleagues in the South Carolina congressional delegation for joining me in supporting MUSC's request.

I have been extremely proud of the resilience and compassion shown by the people of

Charleston and South Carolina following the horrific attack at Mother Emanuel on June 17 last year. The survivors of the attack and the families of the victims have been an inspiration to their communities, our state and the whole nation. While the Charleston community has rallied together, as we approach the first anniversary of the Emanuel AME church massacre, we must stay vigilant and continue providing the proper support for the survivors and victims.

COMMEMORATING LGBTQ PRIDE  
MONTH AND MOURNING THE  
LIVES LOST IN THE ORLANDO  
SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Pride Month 2016, which celebrates the remarkable achievements and progress made by LGBTQ Movement in extending the promise of America to LGBTQ persons over the last 47 years since the Stonewall Uprising on June 28, 1969 in the Greenwich Village section of New York City.

As hard as it is to believe, in 1969 homosexuality was still classified as a mental disorder by the American Psychiatric Association, gay men and lesbian women received almost universal moral condemnation from mainstream religions, and the most intimate expression of love and human connection between gay or lesbian persons was regarded as a criminal act punishable by imprisonment.

Today, marriage equality is the law of the land, the policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has been rescinded, and LGBTQ persons today are serving the communities and our nation in every field of human endeavor, as full members of the American community.

Yet for all we have to celebrate and cheer, our happiness over the progress made to date is tempered by the heavy sadness we feel as we mourn the loss of 49 innocent persons who were killed and the 53 persons injured in the horrific mass shooting at Pulse, a popular and welcoming nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

This act of unspeakable horror, which was at once both a terrorist attack and a hate crime, represents the deadliest mass shooting in the American history and the nation's worst terror attack since 9/11.

The Pulse Nightclub in Orlando was a community gathering place offering fellowship, sanctuary, and refuge; a place where men and women met in fraternity and with the freedom to be their authentic selves.

Pulse was a safe space until June 12, 2016, when it was defiled by a gunman who used an AR-15 assault rifle to murder 49 people and wound 53 others.

Mr. Speaker, the struggle for equality and dignity for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) community is a struggle each of those individual communities have faced.

Pride Month was established to recognize the collective progress of love's triumph over hate.

Tempered by remorse, today we remember those who were in the struggle; we honor their memory and the resilience of the LGBTQ community.

The hearts and spirits of the fallen breathe new life into the valiant stars and stripes that continue to wave.

Let us remember the majestic words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Notwithstanding the extraordinary progress we have made in the area of civil rights over the past several decades, LGBTQ Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are.

There is still more work to do so long as it remains true that LGBTQ persons can get married on Saturday and fired on Monday.

Our commitment to combatting discrimination against the LGBTQ community must not stop at our borders; the fair treatment of all people must always be a cornerstone of American diplomacy.

We must make defending and promoting the human rights of LGBTQ individuals a priority in our engagements across the globe.

This commitment must be based upon the ideal that all people are created equal and deserve to be treated fairly with respect.

As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated in her International Human Rights Day Address in Geneva on December 6, 2011:

"Like being a woman, like being a racial, religious, tribal, or ethnic minority, being LGBT does not make you less human. And that is why gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights."

Mr. Speaker, my congressional district is home to many remarkable members of the LGBTQ community who, day in and day out, work alongside their American brothers and sisters to make our country better in every sector of the economy including the arts, sciences, professions, and as teachers and service members defending our country.

Leaders such as Jason Black, Director of Public Health Services for Legacy Community Health Services, who has for decades been tireless in his efforts to remove the stigma associated with people living with HIV and AIDS and to increase the availability of care for marginalized communities.

Persons like Fran Watson, Esq. the first African American female President of Houston's GLBT Political Caucus, who works tirelessly to ensure that the LGBTQ community fully participates in our democracy and its interests are seriously considered.

Organizations such as Gamma Mu Phi and Delta Phi Upsilon Fraternities; Houston GLBT Political Caucus; Stonewall Democrats and Stonewall Young Democrats; Legacy Community Health; The Montrose Center; Houston Area Community Services; AIDS Foundation Houston; Houston Splash; and LGBTQ friendly organizations that work to empower Americans to live their truths.

Freedom is not free and the fight to realize the promise of America for every American continues.

I commend the courage of the millions quietly toiling in the vineyards to make this happen.

Mr. Speaker, today I am reminded of the classic ballad, "Stand By Me," by the legendary Ben E. King:

"When the night has come,  
and the land is dark,  
and the moon  
is the only light we'll see;  
No, I won't be afraid.

Oh, I won't be afraid.  
Just as long as you stand,  
stand by me!"

America is stronger when its people stand together; all of the people that make up the rich and wondrous tapestry of our country, including the members of our LGBTQ communities.

Mr. Speaker, in honoring the lives lost in the Orlando tragedy, it is important that we say and remember the names of the loved and lost like Shane Evan Tomlinson, who was 33 years old and beloved by all who knew him; an amazing young man who captivated the hearts of so many with his angelic voice and charisma.

And there were so many more:  
Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old,  
Amanda Alvear, 25 years old,  
Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26 years old,  
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old,  
Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old,  
Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old,  
Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old,  
Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old,  
Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old,  
Cory James Connell, 21 years old,  
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old,  
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old,  
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old,  
Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old,  
Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old,  
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old,  
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old,  
Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old,  
Frank Hernandez, 27 years old,  
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old,  
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old,  
Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old,  
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old,  
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old,  
Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old,  
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old,  
Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old,  
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old,  
Kimberly Morris, 37 years old,  
Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old,  
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old,  
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old,  
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old,  
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old,  
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old,  
Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old,  
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27 years old,  
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old,  
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old,  
Ylmary Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old,  
Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old,  
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old,  
Martin Benitez Torres, 33 years old,  
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old,  
Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old,  
Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old,  
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old,  
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old,  
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old.

Maya Angelou said: "Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."

And let me add that right now justice requires us to do two things.

First, Congress needs to pass H.R. 3185, the "Equality Act of 2015," to write into the

books of law the same protections for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters that other Americans have long enjoyed.

Second, Congress must pass H.R. 4269, the "Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2015," to restore the ban on assault weapons so that school children, church going and community members can live their lives free of the fear of falling victim to gun violence.

#### IN HONOR OF THE WOOD FAMILY

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the loving generosity of a family in my district, Jaoni and Gabriel Wood. Jaoni and Gabriel were recently named Foster Parents of the Year for Loudoun County for their steadfast guardianship of a pair of siblings who needed a home.

Gabriel and Jaoni had two biological children of their own, ages 11 and 9, and raised them in a warm and loving home in Loudoun County, Virginia. They saw at-risk families and children who have been affected by traumatic incidents and took it upon themselves to change their lives for the better. Gabriel and Jaoni created an adoption ministry at the Purcellville Baptist Church in Loudoun County with the goal of teaching the community ways they can serve and help children in need.

The Wood family undertook the challenge of fostering a 7 year old boy and his 4 year old sister. After caring for them for nearly three years, the Jaoni and Gabriel plan on welcoming the two children permanently into their family. While the years have surely been filled with joyous moments, it has not always been easy. Gabriel and Jaoni have spent countless hours helping the newest members of their family feel welcome, while also learning themselves how to handle the emotional and physical needs of the siblings. By opening their home and their hearts, Gabriel and Jaoni have demonstrated the most sincere form of love possible.

According to the Virginia Department of Social Services, as of 2016 there are more than 5,000 children who are in foster care in the Commonwealth of Virginia and over sixty percent of those children live in a non-relative home. The Wood family wants all of these children to succeed in the face of these hardships and it cannot be overstated the incredible impact they make on their lives, both through the personal foster care they provide and through the services they have at the Purcellville Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Jaoni and Gabriel Wood for their service to the children of our community and wishing them all the best as they raise their new family and continue to help those in need.

#### JERRY SLOAN

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Jerry Sloan for receiving the

2016 Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry was born and raised outside of McLeansboro, Illinois, where he attended high school and played basketball. He graduated as an all-state player from McLeansboro High School in 1960.

The Baltimore Bullets selected Jerry in the 1965 NBA draft, and later traded him to the Chicago Bulls. He retired as a player in 1976. Jerry then was hired on as an assistant coach by the Bulls, and in 1979 he was promoted to head coach. He would serve that position for three years before moving to Utah as an assistant coach for the Utah Jazz. He stayed in that position for four years and then became the head coach in the 1988–1989 season. Jerry coached the Jazz for twenty-three seasons, with two appearances in the NBA finals.

Sloan's win-loss record of 1,221–803, placed him third all-time in NBA wins at the time he retired in 2011. He coached the Jazz to sixteen consecutive winning seasons and nineteen playoff appearances. His years coaching the Jazz are also the most years a coach has stayed with one team. He is among only nine coaches who have surpassed 1,000 victories and one of two who have won 1,000 with one team.

The Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award honors the memory of Hall of Famer Chuck Daly, given by the NBA to a coach who has spent a lifetime in basketball and has a "standard of integrity, competitive excellence and tireless promotion" of the game. I offer my congratulations to Jerry Sloan on his outstanding achievement, and I wish him the best in retirement.

#### HONORING LYMAN ORCHARDS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 275TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the community of Middlefield, Connecticut in extending my congratulations to the Lyman family as they mark the 275th Anniversary of Lyman Orchards—a very special milestone for this wonderful community treasure.

The story of Lyman Orchards begins in 1741 when John and Hope Lyman purchased thirty-seven acres of land and started the family farm. Eight generations later, Lyman Orchards remains family-run and is, in fact, the 12th oldest family run business still in operation in the United States.

Over its 275-year history, Lyman Orchards has grown and today encompasses over 1,100 acres of land where it produces over one hundred varieties of fruit and is home to the Apple Barrel where shoppers can purchase produce from the farm as well as products created by that produce like their famous high-top apple pie, cider donuts, and fresh apple cider. Families can enjoy the "pick-your-own" opportunities, a business model that Lyman Orchards was the first to introduce in 1966. From apples and pumpkins in the fall to strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries in the early summer and peaches, nectarines, and pears in the late summer, you can pick your own favorites nearly all year long.

More recently, Lyman Orchards has added attractions like the Corn Maze and Sunflower Maze the proceeds from which are donated to the American Cancer Society and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center respectively. There is the Paint the Pumpkin Pink event that raises money for the Middlesex Comprehensive Breast Center and the Sunshine Kids Road Race that benefits children with cancer. Lyman Orchards is also home to two 18-hole golf courses and a golf training center. Designed by legendary Hall of Fame architect Robert Trent Jones and Hall of Fame golfer Gary Player, these championship golf courses are both ranked among the best in the Northeast.

During my tenure in Congress, I have had many opportunities to visit Lyman Orchards and have always been in awe of their forward-thinking vision, always coupled with their commitment to preserving and celebrating their rich history. Rooted, both literally and figuratively, in the Middlefield community, Lyman Orchards and the Lyman family are not only a part of the fabric of Middlefield, they are a warp thread—a vertical thread that forms the base of the fabric's weave. There is a story that is a reflection of the history not only of Connecticut, but of New England. I am proud to stand today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to John Lyman, III and the entire Lyman family as they mark the 275th Anniversary of Lyman Orchards and extend my very best wishes for continued success.

IN HONOR OF POTOMAC FALLS  
GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' lacrosse team from Potomac Falls in my District who recently won the 2016 5A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

In the 5A state title game, the Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team beat George Marshall by double digits to claim the title that eluded them last year. Their victory was never in question as they quickly scored five goals in the opening minutes to pull ahead to a lead that grew to 12 by the game's end.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team for their achievement and rep-

resenting Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH  
2016

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of the last American slaves; belatedly freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Today, Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery's demise. It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become.

This year, I introduced H. Res. 787, a resolution commemorating Juneteenth Independence Day, which is co-sponsored by 57 of my colleagues.

In introducing this Resolution, I acknowledge Texas State Representative Al Edwards and all Houstonians who honor Juneteenth as well or all who celebrate this freedom day.

Because it was only after that day in 1865 when General Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, on the heels of the most devastating conflict in our country's history, in the aftermath of a civil war that pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and threatened to tear the fabric of our union apart forever that America truly became the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Not until 1980, a year after my friend, State Representative Al Edwards, introduced a bill in the Texas Legislature did Juneteenth become a Texas state holiday.

Civil rights pioneer Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Freedom is never free," and African American labor leader A. Phillip Randolph often said "Freedom is never given. It is won."

We should all recognize the power and the ironic truth of those statements and we should pause to remember the enormous price paid by all Americans in our country's quest to realize its promise.

Juneteenth honors the end of the 400 years of suffering African Americans endured under slavery and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American experience in the struggle for equality.

Throughout the 1980's and 90's Juneteenth has continued to enjoy a growing and healthy interest from communities and organizations throughout the country.

Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities.

In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 24

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 24.

This 75th Anniversary of Troop 24 is a true milestone for one of the largest Boy Scout troops in the Lenape District of the Washington Crossing Council. Congratulations to the Scouts, past and present, and the leaders who have encouraged and guided young men from the troop's inception in 1941. The nickname "Pioneers" was chosen in the earliest days, an appropriate choice knowing the troop pursues many outdoor camping and high adventure experiences. Scouting produces leaders and trailblazers, much like the early pioneers and modern pioneers who are blazing new trails in space, science and more. The troop first organized in Morrisville, Bucks County, in 1929 and became the official Troop 24 in 1941, sponsored by Doylestown Presbyterian Church. Troop 24 can be proud of its history and the dedication of all its young men, including 154 who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Best wishes for many more years of great adventure and outstanding leadership.

IN HONOR OF THE PARK VIEW  
BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' soccer team from Park View High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Park View boys' soccer team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Park View



boys' soccer team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will serve them as they continue on in their lives.

It has been 24 years since Park View boys' soccer has won a state championship. It took almost the entire game until an opportunity arose for Park View to pull ahead when they made the score 1-0 in the 69th minute. This hard-fought game is certainly one these boys will remember for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Park View boys' soccer team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, June 6, marked the 72nd anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

"Operation Overlord," as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin.

With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France, they just did not know when or where.

So in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery.

Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just off shore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France.

And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way onto and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War.

And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace.

With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings.

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. "They fight not for the lust of conquest.

"They fight to end conquest.

"They fight to liberate.

"They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people.

"They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home."

The prayers were needed because the cost of D-Day was high; U.S. casualties on D-Day totaled more than 2,499 dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and 26 captured.

Our British and Canadian allies suffered terrible losses on D-Day as well: approximately 2,700 for the British and 946 for the Canadians. German casualties are estimated at 4,000 to 9,000.

In total, the number of combatants killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Normandy for both sides exceeded 425,000, not including the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 French civilians killed.

But the operation was a success.

More than 156,000 troops or paratroopers came ashore on D-Day, 73,000 from the U.S., 83,000 from Great Britain and Canada.

By the end of June 11, D-Day+5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had come ashore.

And with them the seeds for the victory in Europe that would come less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, with the fall of Berlin and the unconditional surrender of the Nazis.

On the eve of the Normandy invasion, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, addressed the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and said to them that they were about to embark upon a "Great Crusade," and that the "eyes of the world" were upon them.

He told them that their task would not be easy because the "enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely."

But, General Eisenhower said, "this is the year 1944. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory."

And march to victory they did, fully justifying General Eisenhower's "confidence in their courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle."

Because of the heroism of these men who willingly risked their lives to be the tip of the spear of liberty, the war was won and a world was saved for freedom.

Mr. Speaker, D-Day was, and remains, a day like no other in the history of man's sojourn on earth.

We remember Gettysburg.

There, President Lincoln paid tribute to those "who gave their lives so that the nation might live."

And it is equally fitting and proper that we remember D-Day.

And that we continue to honor those who risked all and gave all so that the world could remain free.

### IN HONOR OF THE BATTLEFIELD GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' soccer team from Battlefield High School in my District who recently won the 2016 6A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Battlefield girls' soccer team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Battlefield girls' soccer team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

This team capped a three state titles in three years run in dominating fashion as they beat Frank W. Cox 4-0 in this year's state title matchup. This year's game was in stark contrast to the two previous games which were decided late each time. Three state titles in three years is quite impressive and these girls have truly earned this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Battlefield girls' soccer team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.



This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine renewing communities and providing opportunities through innovative solutions to poverty.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Drug Enforcement Administration.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold closed hearings to examine security assistance, focusing on cutting through a tangled web of authorities.

SVC-217

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2785, to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country, S. 2920, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and S. 3014, to improve the management of Indian forest land; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine accessing Department of Agriculture rural development programs in native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine pathways towards compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 2882, to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and S. 2072, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a non-attainment area for purposes of the 8-

hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan.

SD-406

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the progress and challenges in modernizing information technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

JUNE 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine bank capital and liquidity regulation, focusing on industry perspectives.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Wildfire Budgeting, Response and Forest Management Act of 2016".

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 432, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia, S. Res. 482, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and to increase pressure on the organization and its members to the fullest extent possible, an original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Warsaw, Poland from July 8-9, 2016, and in support of committing NATO to a security posture capable of deterring threats to the Alliance, an original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding compliance enforcement of Russian violations of the Open Skies Treaty, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-19), the Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in Respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary (the "Convention"), done at The Hague on July 5, 2006, and signed by the United States on that same day (Treaty Doc. 112-06), the nominations of Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Anne S. Casper, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine NATO, focusing on reviewing the agenda and

assessing the potential outcomes of the Warsaw summit.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine customer service and billing practices in the cable and satellite television industry.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine ramifications of the Supreme Court Kingdomware decision.

SR-428A

11 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine ensuring person-centered care for individuals with serious illness.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 28

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the status of the the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service's efforts to implement amendments to land use plans and specific management plans regarding sage grouse conservation, and those agencies' coordination activities with affected states.

SD-366

JUNE 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine small business survival amidst flood insurance rate increases.

SR-428A

JULY 13

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124

JULY 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine evaluating the financial risks of China.

SD-538